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SUPPLEMENTAL PRIOR ART DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In connection with the above-identified application, Applicants hereby attach a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report received in connection with the corresponding PCT application. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over these references. Copies of the prior art references discussed therein are not included since these references are already of record in this case.

This prior art disclosure statement is being made pursuant to the duty of disclosure imposed by law and formulated in 37 CFR 1.56(A). No representation is made that the information thus disclosed in fact constitutes prior art or that it is the closest prior art, inasmuch as 37 CFR 1.56(A) relies on a materiality concept which depends on subjectivity.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 USC § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits

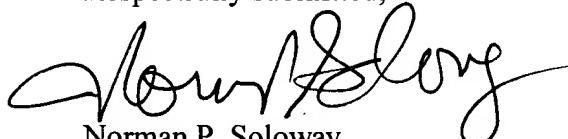
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the official action by the PCT examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the reference was cited in a counterpart PCT patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the reference, the accuracy of the statement of the PCT examiner relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the PCT examiner's comments submitted herewith.

The enclosed Prior Art Statement is being submitted within three months of the International Preliminary Examination Report, as certified in the attached Certification for Information Disclosure Statement. Therefore, we believe that there are no fees involved with this prior art disclosure statement. However, in the event there are any fees payable, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 08-1391.

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